

**Governmental Affairs Committee
Regular Meeting
December 2, 2002-8:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Sylvia Wilber called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Those present for the meeting were Kathy Kaquatosh, Annette Warrington. Ann Marie Johnson and Ben Kaquatosh arrived late for the meeting. John Wilhelmi was also present.

2. **Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.**

3. **Review Minutes Dated November 4, 2002-**

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of November 4, 2002. Motion was seconded by Annette Warrington. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Review Ordinance 79-14 Tribal Judiciary & Interim Law & Order Code and Ordinance 85-01-Election of Tribal Police Chief-**

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding ordinance 79-14 Tribal Judiciary and the strong opposition to the amendment from the Chief Justice at the November 21st meeting. Committee members wanted to discuss the comments that were made at the meeting but the recorder of the Legislature meetings did not have them completed due to the fact that the Tribal Chairman wanted them done verbatim.

Ann Marie Johnson arrived at 8:15 a.m.

Ben Kaquatosh arrived at 8:30 a.m.

Committee discussed the need for the Courts documents to be automated. Ben stated that when Human Resources want information regarding background checks, they have to go there themselves and search through documents. According to Annette from MIS, the Courts have had opportunities to have their information automated but will not cooperate.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed amendment, the committee decided to stick with the proposed changes.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh that the committee stick with the changes and ask the Menominee Tribal Legislature to look and read the recommendations and conclusions and the committee will provide some specifics to justify the need for the amendments. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed. Motion carried.

Committee went into discussion regarding Ordinance 85-01 Election of Tribal Police Chief.

Committee would like a separate administration to handle the budget issues, that way the Police Chief can focus more on the department and police issues.

If there are only two candidates there shouldn't be a primary election for the Police Chief. The reason for the primary, according to the constitution, was to narrow the field down when there were several candidates vying for the position.

Committee agreed that there needs to be an eligibility section to the ordinance that needs to be followed before any person can be put on a ballot. Some of the suggestions were; person must pass a psychological exam and Ben stated that the results can be back within three days. Background checks need to be done and results from that will take about a week. If not certified as a police officer, they must obtain certification within a specified amount of time. Ben will come up with language for the criteria with the experience and schooling needed.

Kathy and Ann Marie need to look at the administrative and financial portion of the department

and if it's not currently working, they need to come up with a system that will work.

5. **Collections Policy Update-**

Ann Marie is working on a general policy right now.

Chairperson Wilber stated that the committee needs a ball park figure as to what the amount is out there in delinquent payments and let the Legislature know.

Right now the statute of limitations to collect is three years. Chairperson Wilber stated that the committee needs to look at that and determine whether or not that is a long enough period of time. John stated that the statute of limitation is in an ordinance and can be amended.

One possibility the committee discussed is upon hiring, EVERYONE needs to sign a general wage assignment.

6. **Other Business-**

Committee set up a special meeting for December 16, 2002 at 8:00 a.m.

7. **Committee set up a special meeting for December 16, 2002 at 8:00 a.m.**

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Annette Warrington. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services